

Remarks

Applicant seeks the Examiner's consideration of the following references:

- EP 1 096 437 5/2/2001
- EP 0 984 410 3/8/2000
- EP 0 494 796 4/15/1998

These references were cited in the Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) filed October 30, 2003. However, in the Non-Final Office Action dated January 19, 2005, the Examiner did not indicate that these references were considered. Return of an initialed Form 1449 indicating that these references have been considered is requested.

Should any additional issues need to be resolved, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned attorney to attempt to resolve those issues.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies or credit any overpayment with respect to this patent application to deposit account number 13-2725.

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